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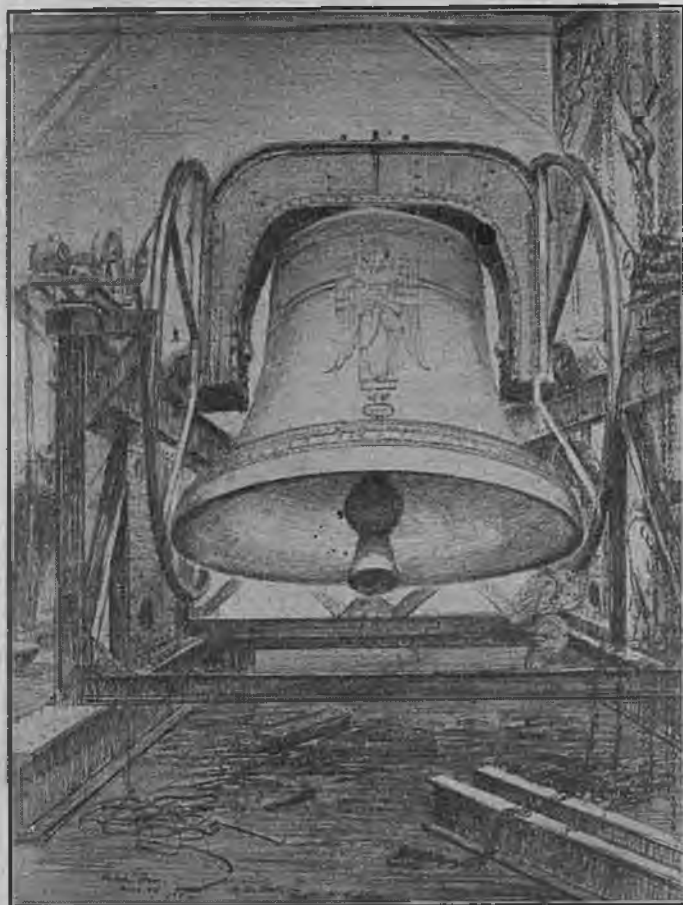
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The old year went out with a rush of peals. We have not got the exact statistics before us of the number rung, but December was almost certainly the record month in 1929, as it has been in many previous years. The reason, of course, is not far to seek. The great festival of the Church, which is celebrated during the month, gives the ringers great opportunities. Bells are as much a feature of the Christmas celebrations as are roast beef or plum pudding. The one thing that thousands in the towns and villages look forward to, either at midnight or in the early morning, are the church bells which herald the coming of Christmas. There is thus a tradition and a duty which ringers have to maintain. And then the holidays, which offer many chances of peals, and the passing of the old year, which again calls for the use of the bells and gives ringers yet another occasion upon which to exercise their art.

That bells make a wide claim upon the imagination of English people at this time of the year cannot be gainsaid, and it was typical that the feature of the British Broadcasting Corporation's special programme for the passing of the old year was the ringing of bells. Listeners were enabled, through the marvellous achievements of wireless, to follow the coming of the new year as it advanced across a large part of the continent of Europe, and everywhere, where the celebrations were picked up, the bells were heard. They may have been somewhat 'shouted down' by the ships' sirens of Rotterdam, but the clanging of many bells in a German town, an hour before 1930 reached England, was a striking demonstration of the part which bells play on such occasions throughout Christendom, and to listening ringers in this country revealed in strong contrast the difference between the clanging of bells on the continent and the rhythmic music which is produced from the towers in our own land, and which was admirably demonstrated by the half-muffled twelve-bell ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, before midnight and the open ringing on the twelve at Southwark Cathedral after the hour had struck. For the hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of listeners on New Year's Eve, in this land of ours, the bells were not only in evidence—they predominated in the celebration.

And not only over the ether. In every town and village throughout the country where there is a peal of bells, the people were listening for their sounds, either ringing for the watchnight service, or immediately before the witching hour, and again, with even wilder melody, when the new year had come. People talk of church bells becoming out of date and unnecessary in these days of clocks and wire

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less time signals, but we have only to turn to the important place which bells hold in the sentiments of the public at Christmas and the New Year, to know that, deep down in the hearts of the people of this country, church bells really occupy a warm corner and are cherished with an affectionate regard.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDGLIFFE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... Treble	*HARRY BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 2	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	HENRY PRING ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 10
*STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 5	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 11
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal on twelve. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques in this tower.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	†JOHN F. TILLET ... 7
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
†HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	†CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
†HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. G. Brown.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

SERG. A. LAWRENCE ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPIITT ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

Sergt. A. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, who hails from Hatfield, was elected a life member. It was his first peal of Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

*THOMAS TOWNSEND ... Treble	*HARRY HUBBLE ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 2	WILLIAM GREEN ... 7
JOHN PRICE ... 3	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 8
WILLIAM C. COOPER ... 4	HARRY GOODMAN ... 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 5	GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., the respected 'father' of the Dudley band; also to Messrs. Harry Goodman and William A. Cooper. Owing to an accident, the conductor was unable to ring a bell in the peal, but he conducted it whilst sitting in the belfry.

APPLETON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;**

ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. Treble	JOHN NOBES ... .. 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 3	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 9
JONATHAN HONEY ... .. 5	GORDON CAWDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pirstow. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Treble	JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 7
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 8
*GEORGE TITTERINGTON ... .. 4	*JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5	*FREDERICK SEAGAR ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. \* The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. G. Titterington, who hospitably entertained them after the peal.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	JAMES BETTS ... .. 6
*JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 7
†GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 8
†GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

\* First peal on ten bells, and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 6
HARRY WARNE ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method away from the treble by Percy Green, and rung as a compliment to him for his 21st birthday.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 5
CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 2	ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 6
THOMAS LEWIS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

The arrangements for this peal were made by the association Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles, Grandsire Triples being rung by request of the parishioners.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ... Treble	ALBERT PARKER ... .. 5
EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. 2	*NORMAN BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7
WILFRID HALLIWELL ... .. 4	PETER NUTTALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal.

OXFORD  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*MISS M. REYNOLDS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 5
FRANK BECKETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. 3	GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. H. R. FREEBORN.

\* First peal of Major.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Marie (R.C.),

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ROBERT HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN THORPE ... .. 5
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
RALPH S. LONG ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of Canon Dolan, Rector of the above church.

BECKENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble	*THOMAS FLINT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... .. 2	OSCAR GILBERT ... .. 6
*WILFRED HOLLAMBY ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK LEERKS ... .. 4	EDWARD MOUNTIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of T. Flint.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 5
EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	ALBERT J. BAYNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Theobald, who has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Stedman Triples was rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

JAMES S. HOTCHBY ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
LEONARD WHITEHEAD ... 2	HARRY L. SMITH ... .. 6
PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	RICHARD GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD READER  
L. Whitehead's 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. P. Whitehead, brother of 2nd and 4th ringers.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE W. PARK ... .. Treble	ERNEST BURNETT ... .. 5
ROLAND PARK ... .. 2	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 6
JAMES T. TITT ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7
THOMAS CLARK ... .. 4	LUCIAN VENUS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy H. Drury, daughter of the Rev. R. F. Drury, Vicar of the above church, whose marriage took place the previous day.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE HUGHES ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER ... 3	*HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 7
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD  
\* First peal of Bob Major, and first attempt in the method by the treble ringer.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOSEPH E. CHARMAN ... .. Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	†GEORGE E. CLUDE ... .. 6
WILLIAM HOOKER ... .. 3	PETER CHARMAN ... .. 7
JOHN COOK ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING  
\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. Mr. W. Hooker was elected a member of the Guild prior to the commencement of the peal.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. FITSROW. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS  
First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor is the first to call peals of Major, Royal and Maximus in both variations of Cambridge Surprise.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Saturday, November 9th (Mayor's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. W. Couchman 1, W. Bidnell 2, T. A. Vincent 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, R. J. Birch 5, S. Mowl (conductor) 6, S. A. Gower 7, A. Swan 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 6
JAMES ABERY ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
MISS ROBY M. HAZELL ... 4	SIDNEY NAILOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, Messrs. Nailor and Chapman (local) standing in. After the peal the band were entertained by Mrs. and the Misses Davis to a sumptuous repast.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY WILKINS ... .. Treble	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 5
W. JACK DOVE ... .. 2	HARRY ENGLAND ... .. 6
†HENRY WILLIAM WOODING 3	HARRY MARLOW ... .. 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4	ALFRED MONK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MARLOW.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor on attaining his 60th year.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
CHARLES T. P. BRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUNCAN ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	*CHARLES LOVETT ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	EDWIN GOATE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER STEPHENSON ... .. Treble	RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 5
HERBERT WORMWELL ... 2	*FRED BENTLEY ... .. 6
*W. ROBINSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... .. 7
T. REDMAN ... .. 4	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by H. ENTWISTLE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who has been a ringer in the above tower for over forty years.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 2	CHARLES MASON ... .. 6
THOMAS RILEY ... .. 3	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 7
JOSEPH PAXTON ... .. 4	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland, and in honour of his holding the title for 50 years.



## GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... ..	5
JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... ..	6
ARTHUR PAYNE ... ..	3	ADAM DEAS ... ..	7
ROBERT ANDERSON ... ..	4	JOHN STUART ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was rung to celebrate Mr. J. Stuart's fiftieth anniversary as a ringer at St. Mary's Church.

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALBERT RELFE ... ..	Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... ..	5
THOMAS E. SONE ... ..	2	HARRY BAKER ... ..	6
MRS. H. BAKER ... ..	3	CHARLES H. SONE ... ..	7
*WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... ..	4	WILLIAM WEBB ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (254).

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

\* First peal in the method.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... ..	Treble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... ..	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... ..	6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... ..	3	PERCY JERVIS ... ..	7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... ..	4	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... ..	Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	5
*CECIL GUY ... ..	2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... ..	6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
RICHARD J. STONE ... ..	4	SAMUEL J. HARDING ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES ... ..	5
JOHN KIMBER ... ..	2	RALPH H. BIGGS ... ..	6
RICHARD M. KIMBER ... ..	3	ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... ..	4	JOSEPH EVANS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

This was a midnight peal and a 'farewell' to R. Kimber, who is leaving the district for Ireland. All the ringers belong to the local band. The previous local peal of Stedman was a midnight peal on December 24th, 1911, conducted by John Evans.

BRAUNSTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Saturday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) in 56 mins.: J. M. Hancock 1, M. Smith 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, F. W. Hancock 4, H. Shimmell 5, F. W. Smart (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. RAINBIRD ... ..	Treble	*RONALD ONG ... ..	5
†ALBERT RAINBIRD ... ..	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... ..	7
†FRANK G. RINGE ... ..	4	HARRY TURNER ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

## LUTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERIC SHANE ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK HUNT ... ..	5
ALFRED KING ... ..	2	HARRY WOOD ... ..	6
ARTHUR SMITH ... ..	3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... ..	7
HARRY WALKER ... ..	4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the watchnight service.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY—PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. CLODE ... ..	Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... ..	5
GEORGE WILSON ... ..	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... ..	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... ..	3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	7
*C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by FRED HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... ..	Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE ... ..	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	6
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... ..	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	7
JAMES HUTCHES ... ..	4	F. HORACE STUBBS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* 100th peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. W. Taylor (widow of the late John William Taylor, bell founder), who died December 27th, 1929.

## TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLIER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM FUSSELL ... ..	5
WILLIAM JODD ... ..	2	WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	6
WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..	3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	7
WILLIAM BOWELL ... ..	4	WILLIAM BRANTS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

The REV. WILLIAM P. COLE SHEANE (Vicar).

The 'Bills' greatly appreciated the kind thought and action of the local steeplekeeper (Mr. J. Lovell), who arrived at the end of the peal with hot tea and snacks, for which he received their heartiest thanks.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	Treble	HORACE M. DAY	...	4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	...	5
JOHN W. LAKE	...	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the festival of St. Thomas.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK J. HAZZARD	...	Treble	FRANK PRICE	...	4
HARRY ANDREWS	...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	...	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	...	3	PERCY H. HAZZARD	...	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Arranged and rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Parish Hall. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and for Patrick, son of the ringer of the 2nd, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the tenor.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*F. COLLIN	...	Treble	*A. J. CALLOW	...	4
A. H. S. RAINEY	...	2	P. N. G. RAINEY	...	5
W. G. HODGES	...	3	*W. SQUIRE	...	Tenor

Conducted by P. N. G. RAINEY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Rood,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*F. H. GEORGE HART	...	Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	...	3
*WALTER G. HART	...	2	FREDERICK H. HART	...	4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	...	Tenor			

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH PATTENDEN	...	Treble	ALFRED DAW	...	4
CYRIL WENHAM	...	2	CHARLES TRIBE	...	5
WILLIAM FRIGHT	...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	...	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

Cyril Wenham was re-elected a member of the above previous to peal. First peal on the bells since restoration and recasting of the cracked tenor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. JOHN YOUNG	...	Treble	JAMES F. HATCHBY	...	3
PERCY C. CARPENTER	...	2	CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWAY	...	4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being thirty-two 120's and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES	...	Treble	GEORGE BREEZE	...	4
JAMES P. HYETT	...	2	*JOSEPH T. MORRIS	...	5
EDGAR R. JONES	...	3	CHARLES R. SMITH	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal 'inside.' + First peal. Rung in honour of the Christmas festival.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*THOMAS J. SALTER	...	Treble	*THOMAS HENNING	...	4
WILLIAM SHORT	...	2	*ROBERT MATTHEWS	...	5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	...	3	JOHN BASS	...	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles, and first in the county of Worcestershire. Rung on the 69th birthday of Mr. Thomas Pratt, a local ringer of many years' standing, who kindly entertained the band to refreshments after the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN	...	Treble	ALBERT HALSEY	...	4
BERT HALSEY	...	2	LEONARD TURNER	...	5
SAMUEL FARMER	...	3	ERNEST HUNT	...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

With the exception of the conductor, the ringers are all members of St. Michael's band. Rung as a farewell to the curate (the Rev. H. Y. Necker), who is leaving for Darfield, Yorkshire.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JORDAN	...	Treble	JOHN HALL	...	4
JAMES HEMMING	...	2	HERBERT JORDAN	...	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	3	GEORGE J. HEMMING	...	Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HEMMING.

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

DOVER, KENT.—On Wednesday evening, November 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, J. Eagles 3, C. George 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, C. Turner 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. J. Walker 8. This was the first quarter-peal by ringers of the 4th and tenor, who have come along and strengthened local ringing, and are now filling gaps caused by change, death, etc., recently. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN BROMLEY ... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 2	GEORGE BURT ... .. 5
ALAN BROMLEY ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

This is the first peal of London by all the band, on the bells, and is believed to be the first peal of London by a resident band in the Tonbridge district of the association. It was rung to 'ring out' the old year.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Ipswich Surprise.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 4
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 3	JOHN MOULE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung with bells half-muffled prior to the watchnight service.

**TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... Treble	BERT F. CALCOTT ... .. 4
*GEORGE W. HARRIS ... .. 2	GEORGE W. HELEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal ever rung in Tilsworth.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY EDWARDS ... .. Treble	MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
TOM BARTHOLOMEW ... .. 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

\* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. Rung with half-muffled clappers to ring out the old year.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**SILVER END, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, December 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*AT 33, VALENTINE WAY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

\*ALBERT WIFFEN... .. 9-10

Composed by CHAS. H. FOWLER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal on ten bells.

**THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I consider your correspondent, Mr. Dyke, who is well known as a good ringer, is a little severe on the band who attempted the long peal of Grandsire Cinques. If the peal had been accomplished, it could not be in competition with any peal of Maximus. In my opinion it would only stand as a record of eleven-bell method ringing. The difficulty is in agreeing what would constitute a standard for peals. I have heard all sorts.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A long-felt want has been removed by a gift of a set of new ropes for the Parish Church, Hagley, Worcs. The generous donor is Mr. Harry Mason, who has become highly popular since coming to reside in the village.

It is never too late to—begin peal ringing. Mr. E. W. Hutchinson has just rung his first peal at the age of 73 years, at Penwortham.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on January 11th, 1716-17, by the London Scholars. In the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum it is recorded that 'the first known performance of the London Scholars was a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters, at St. Bride's in Fleet Street, Friday, January 11th, 1716-17. The frame put up was taken down and destroyed when the church was repaired in 1796. This was supposed to be the only peal of Caters rung whilst St. Bride's contained ten bells, and was said to be the first known peal of Caters ever completed by any company in the kingdom; which was probably the case, as no other peal upon ten bells appears upon record to precede this performance.'

The Ancient Ringing Society of Redenhall was established on January 13th, 1736, and the anniversary was celebrated for a long period of time. We do not know whether, like Saffron Walden and Lavenham, the day is still commemorated.

James Barham died on January 14th, 1818, at the age of 93 years. He was buried in the churchyard at Leeds, Kent, and a headstone records something of his ringing prowess.

The two Central Council representatives elected by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association at their annual meeting on Boxing Day were Messrs. J. W. Jones and John Phillips.

## THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

### SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EFFORT.

Amount previously acknowledged, £157 9s. 3d.; Mr. H. Tucker, £1 1s.; Newport Pagnell ringers, 8s.; Standlake ringers, 10s.; Whaddon ringers, 10s.; G. Holifield, 5s.; R. White, 5s.; R. J. Richardson, 5s.; Tilehurst ringers, 11s.; C. W. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Rev. Dr. Archer-Houblon, £2 2s.; North Bucks Branch, O.D.C., £5; Benson ringers, 14s.; E. Humphrey, 7s. 6d.; J. H. Shepherd, £1 1s.; Hagbourne ringers, £1; Beauchampton ringers, 5s.; F. Wheeler, 5s.; St. Ebbe's ringers, Oxford, 10s.; Henley-on-Thames ringers, 10s.; Central Bucks Branch, O.D.G., 5s.; S. Loxton, 2s. 6d.; W. A. Cave, 2s. 6d.; A. E. Reeves, 2s. 6d.; E. Wilkins, 2s. 6d.; W. Knight, 3s.; T. F. King, 2s.; Miss E. Sumsion, 1s. 6d.; U. Braven, 1s.; B. Brean, 3s.; College Youths' subscription list, £2 10s.; collected by G. Gilbert, £2 9s. 6d.; F. J. Owen, 2s.; H. Mayes, £1; All Saints' ringers, Oxford, 4s.; Oxford City Branch, O.D.G., £3 3s.; Bletchley ringers, 12s.; Miss Radcliffe, 5s.; J. H. R. Freeborn, 10s.; Very Rev. Dean R. H. Robinson, 5s.; Mrs. R. Bishop, 2s.; C. Caudwell, 10s.; O.D.G. Restoration Fund grant, £5 5s.; total, £191 4s. 3d.

These accounts will be audited, and after expenses are paid and a few items done in the tower the surplus will be handed to the churchwardens of St. Lawrence's for the upkeep of ropes.—With thanks,

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.  
RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

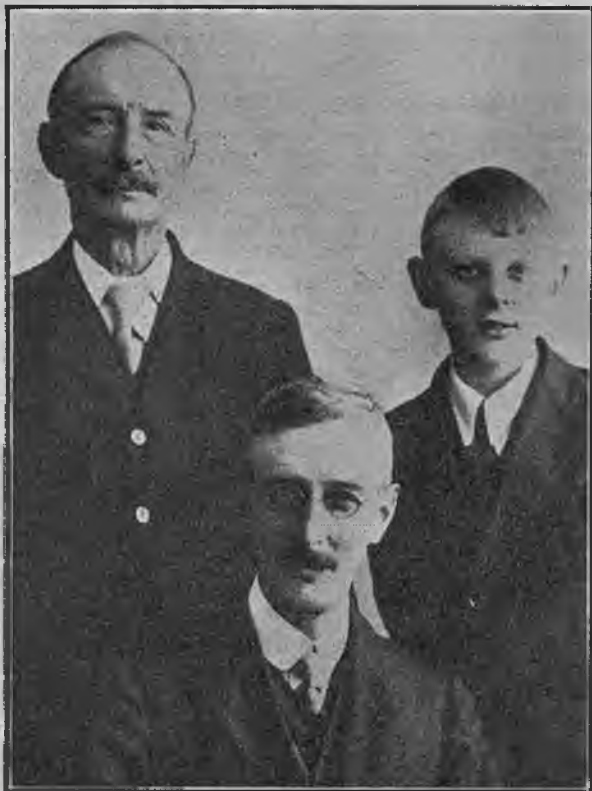


## THREE GENERATIONS OF RINGERS.

EDWIN BARNETT I., II., AND III.

We recorded in our issue of December 27th a peal of Grandsire rung on December 20th at Crayford, Kent, in which three generations of one family took part. Edwin A. Barnett, at the age of eleven years, rang his first peal, and with him in this performance was his father, Edwin Barnett, jun., and his grandfather, Edwin Barnett, sen., who was the conductor of the peal.

The name of Barnett has been prominently associated with ringing for nearly fifty years, and the encouragement given to young ringers by Edwin Barnett, sen., throughout his long career has been as great as any man has ever given, for he is as ready to help a youngster through a peal of Grandsire Triples—as he did his grandson on this occasion—as he is to ring a peal in any of the higher methods.



THE THREE GENERATIONS.

Mr. E. Barnett, sen., rang his first peal at West Ham as long ago as April, 1882, and his score is now over 800. His son rang his first peal in 1899, and now, thirty years later, to the great delight of 'grandad,' as well as of his father, Edwin III. has taken his place among peal ringers. He was eleven years of age on October 15th, and with this early start he will have a good chance of beating his grandfather's fine record, if only he can maintain the same interest and enthusiasm and the same will to succeed.

## PEAL BOARDS AND A PRESENTATION.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at S. Nicolas' tower, Guildford, on Sunday morning, when the Rector (Rev. G. M. Wheeler) unveiled two peal boards. They are of polished oak and written in gilt letters, one recording the last peal on the bells before their restoration (Grandsire Caters on January 30th, 1926), and the first peal on the bells after rehanging and recasting several of them (Grandsire Caters on January 5th, 1929). The second board records a peal of Bob Royal rung on March 3rd, 1906, and a peal of Stedman Caters on November 12th, 1908.

After the boards had been unveiled, a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed (supplied by Mr. T. E. Russell, Woking), was presented by the ringers to the Rector as a parting gift on his shortly leaving the parish to take up a chaplaincy at Mentone.

**SAMLESBURY, LANCs.**—On Sunday, December 22nd, 1,264 Double Norwich: J. T. Bimson 1, E. Timbrell (composer) 2, B. A. Knights (conductor) 3, J. R. Armstrong 4, J. R. Taylor 5, F. Harwood 6, E. R. Martin 7, S. Bleasdale 8.

## CLERGY AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Ringers, I am sure, have appreciated the tone and manner of the Rev. F. A. Roughton's letter, and if I add one or two remarks, it is not in the spirit of criticism, but in order to supplement what he says.

In the first place, it is by no means necessary for a clergyman to become an efficient change ringer before he can show an intelligent interest in his band. As soon as he can ring rounds, he will probably be a useful member of the band, even if he is not equal to managing the 'tenor behind,' while it will not take him much longer with a good band to coach him to be able to hunt the treble.

With such an elementary knowledge of the art, he will be able to appreciate many of the ringers' difficulties, and himself avoid so many causes of offence to these, his most faithful churchworkers. In fact, it is quite possible that he may be more thought of if he can only ring a little than if he is 'an efficient change ringer.' We do not expect a parson to be a solo singer himself, but we do expect him to know enough about music to avoid giving offence needlessly to his choir. In the case of the ringers, such an elementary knowledge is even more urgently required. For while the work of the choir is done before everyone, and it is rarely very difficult to get someone who is sufficiently musical to supplement any defects in the parson, neither of these things applies to the ringers.

Some time ago I went up into a belfry, where I was a stranger. After some preliminary difficulties, we had just settled down to a good touch when the parson, who had seen me go up, came in with a number of young fellows—apparently a Confirmation class, or part of one. He waited for some minutes, and then went down looking rather annoyed.

It looked as though he had expected us to stop as soon as he arrived. He would not have expected his choir or an orchestra to stop in the middle of a piece they were rehearsing. What ringers feel, and I think rightly feel, is that a parson ought not to undertake work in a church where there are bells until he has learnt enough about ringing to avoid making such a mistake.

As for preparation before a service, I have found nothing better than the gentle and regular exercise of ringing for the body, or the skill required for easy changes for the mind. If a parson can manage to find time for it, I am sure he will never consider it time ill spent, even in a busy day. Peal ringing on Sunday is quite another matter.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF OVER BELLS.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING REVEALS SUPPORT FOR SCHEME.

The Over Society of Church Bellringers held their annual supper on New Year's Eve in the schoolroom, about 35 members and friends being present, including the president (Rev. F. G. Weston), Mr. H. Asplin (vice-president), Mr. W. I. Ginn (secretary), Mr. F. C. Ginn (treasurer), Mr. A. J. Ginn (captain), Mr. B. Wayman (vice-captain), Mr. F. G. Gleaves, Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary and Ringing Master of the Ely Archdeaconry). To the general regret, Mr. H. Edwards, Vicar's warden and vice-president, was absent, having been taken ill on the previous Saturday. After supper, Mr. A. J. Ginn spoke of the past year's work, which, he said, had given him satisfaction, and he expressed the hope, that before long Over would have a ring of eight bells.

The Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston) responded and thanked the ringers for their services during the year, and also promised to support the movement for the peal to be increased to eight.—Mr. H. Asplin supported the Vicar, and added he was pleased to hear the bells rung, specially for service.

Mr. B. Wayman, Mr. F. Warrington and Mr. F. C. Ginn also urged the augmentation. Associating his remarks with Mr. Asplin, Mr. Warrington said Over had a fine church, and was worthy of a peal of eight bells. There were 17 ringing members, about fifty 720's had been rung for service, and about 100 720's rung during the year.

Mr. A. J. Ginn, commenting on Surprise ringing, added yet another surprise when he stated that someone had promised to start an augmentation fund with a gift of £10, and the Vicar and Mr. Asplin promised to bring this before the Church Council at the first opportunity.

During the evening games were indulged in, also handbell ringing, etc., a 720 Cambridge Surprise being rung by A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington 6. This was F. Warrington's 133rd 720 during 1929, the 685th since January, 1925, and the 200th of Cambridge Surprise. About 11.45 p.m. the ringers adjourned to the church tower to toll out the old year and ring in the new, when two touches were brought round. The bells having then been lowered, the ringers returned to the schoolroom, where the party, joining crossed hands, sang 'Auld Lang Syne' before finally dispersing about 1 a.m., everyone having had a good time. It is believed this annual supper has, with the exception of war years, been held for nearly a century.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday. The bells of St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and St. James', Southbroom (6) were all available for ringing, which commenced about 2.45 p.m. At 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held in St. James' Church, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tudor Jefferys, the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). Mr. Wicks was the organist, and the service was largely attended. The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome to those present. He expressed his pleasure that a meeting had been arranged at that church, it being the first time during his four years' incumbency that such a gathering had been held there, and spoke of the encouragement it gave one to have a faithful band of ringers such as he was pleased to say he had.

Tea followed, to which between 70 and 80 sat down, including the Rev. Tudor Jefferys, Rev. Tiney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), a former chairman of the branch, Mr. C. F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), the grand old veteran of the branch, Mr. H. Brownlee West, Mrs. C. D. Heginbotham, Mrs. F. Green, Mr. W. Shute and Mr. L. Wilson.

A business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. At the outset, the Chairman wished all present a happy new year. He drew attention to the leading article in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on problems to be faced, and said there were always new ones, and he appealed to all to face them in a spirit of goodwill. In his resumé of the work in the branch during the year, the Chairman thanked the officers for their help, and said the work of restoring the bells at All Cannings and Bishop's Lavington had been completed. Among those which required attention were Edington, Erlestoke, and South Wroxall. He also congratulated those members who had rung peals during the year, and noted with pleasure those who had been 'first pealers.'—The secretary (Mr. F. Green) produced the balance sheet for the past year, which showed a small balance in hand. In his report, the Secretary thanked the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and the correspondents of the towers for their help during the past year.

The following new members were elected: Mr. C. Springford and Mr. F. Springford, of Devizes, as hon. members; Messrs. F. May, G. F. Mead, Swift, Vincent and C. Drewett as ringing members.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the whole of the retiring officers being re-elected, with thanks for their services.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and other incumbents in the town for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea. The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and Mr. Johnston and Mr. Shute replied on behalf of the visitors.

This concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes, Bradford-on-Avon, Bromham, Chirton, All Cannings, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Warminster, Mere, Buckhorn Weston, Wootton Bassett and Swindon.

It would be a very great help indeed to the secretary if the correspondents of towers would try and get the subscriptions in earlier in the year, so as to enable him to complete the balance sheet for audit before the annual meeting.

The Church of St. James, Devizes, is the garrison church of the Wilts Regiment, and contains memorials to officers and men of that regiment, and some old colours. It has a fine perpendicular tower, which, until 22 or 23 years ago, contained only four bells. Then two trebles were added, and the third recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tenor is a bell of about 9 cwt.

**THE BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.****FREE MOTOR TRIP FOR VISITORS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds have placed at the disposal of visitors attending the ninth annual dinner (without any charge) a charabanc, which will tour around the city and surrounding district during the afternoon. The conveyance will leave St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, about 2.30 p.m. (five minutes from Temple Meads), and proceed to tramways centre via Queen's Road, Promenade, Bridgevalley Road, Portway (Avon Gorge), Shirehampton, Kingweston, Blaise Castle, Henbury, Westbury Lea Walls (Downs), Zoological Gardens, Clifton College, Jacobs Wells, College Green, St. Thomas' Church, where tea can be had (free).

Ten minutes' stop at the Clifton Suspension Bridge is allowed. Accommodation is limited, and should be applied for on or before January 11th.

All-weather coaches are being provided, and the trip will be free of cost (even tips). The time of starting depends upon visitors' trains.—On behalf of the committee, yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****DERBY DISTRICT DECIDES ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Derby District was held on Saturday afternoon in the Cathedral belfry. The splendid ring of ten bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches in a variety of methods being rung, members being present from most of the surrounding belfries. At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president), the retiring officers were thanked for their past services and again elected, viz., Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president), Messrs. C. Draper and E. Clarke (committee), and Mr. George Freebrey (secretary).

Some discussion arose as to whether it was advisable to continue the monthly meetings or to hold meetings once a quarter, and on the proposition of Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. E. H. Clarke it was decided to hold quarterly meetings, the first to be held in Derby.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Ham for the use of the bells, to Mr. James Pagett as Ringing Master, and Mr. George Holmes, towerkeeper, was proposed by Mr. W. Wallace, and carried unanimously.

**HOW STAGSDEN RINGERS PATCHED UP THEIR BELLS.**

On Thursday evening, January 2nd, the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Stagdsden, were entertained to supper and a social evening by their Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Nickisson) and Mrs. Nickisson. The meal was partaken of at the residence of Mrs. R. Bonnett, who kindly undertook to prepare the supper, which consisted of good old English fare. After full justice had been done, the company adjourned to the Church Room, where handbells and games passed away a very pleasant evening. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Nickisson, to Mrs. R. Bonnett, and all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Stagdsden bells are a poor peal of five, and for some twenty years only the front three were used, chimed by one man. However, when he died, a young hand set to work to improve matters. The clapper staples of the 4th and 5th were broken, making the bells unringable, but the ringers determined to put matters right, spent many hours inside the bells with specially shaped pieces of iron and 'u' bolts, nuts, etc., and in the end successfully fixed in the clappers. The outcome of this is that the bells have been rung ever since—over five years—change ringing is practised, and the bells rung regularly for Sunday service.

The time has now come when a thorough restoration will have to be effected, as the 'go' of the bells is very bad, and the fittings very dilapidated. A fund has been started, and subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Vicar, Stagdsden, Beds.

**BICESTER BELLRINGERS' SUPPER.**

The annual supper of the Bicester ringers took place on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells, the party made their way to the Rose and Crown Inn, where they sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. O'Reilly). Those present were Messrs. T. Clifton, E. A. Clifton, J. Evans, L. Evans, W. Scarrott, B. Cox, H. Hatfield, F. Neale, G. Auger, G. Keeves and A. Tuffrey. After the supper, the loyal toast was honoured, and touches and tunes were then rung on the handbells.

The Vicar gave the toast of 'The Bicester Ringers,' which was responded to by Mr. E. A. Clifton.

A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Cox on the death of his father, the company standing in silence a few moments. Mr. Cox thanked the ringers for their sympathy, and also for the muffled peal which was rung the previous evening.

Community singing was next the order of the evening, and then followed the toast of 'The Vicar,' which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. L. Evans then gave the company a recital of his own composition, entitled 'The Bicester Bellringers,' in which each member of the band came in for his share of criticism or otherwise.

A few tunes on the gramophone, the toast of 'The Hostess,' proposed by Mr. Clifton, who thanked Mrs. Neale for her kind regard for them at all times, a duet by the brothers Evans, followed by Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, brought an end to the happy proceedings, and the ringers then went to the belfry for muffled ringing until midnight, after which followed open ringing until 12.15 a.m. Thus was the new year ushered in.

**APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.**

Previously acknowledged, £8 18s. 6d.; ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, 8s. 6d.; ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, 5s.; Mr. A. E. Wrecks 5s.

Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated and has a daughter entirely dependent on him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**NEW BELLS AT TILSWORTH, BEDS.****A FINE RING OF SIX.**

Sunday, December 29th, was a 'red-letter' day in the history of the hamlet of Tilsworth, Bedfordshire, the recast and augmented peal of bells being on that occasion solemnly dedicated by Bishop Lander, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. R. Souper), assisted by the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, Rector of Dunstable (Rural Dean). After the dedication of the bells, rounds were rung, as the Bishop and choir returned to the chancel, by a band from the Priory Church, Dunstable, who had been specially asked to open the bells.

At the close of evensong, the crowded congregation stayed to hear the ringing. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, the ringing concluding with the first 720 on the bells, a well-struck extent of Bob Minor being rung.

Originally a peal of five by Russell, of Wolton, the bells have now been recast, and a new treble added, the whole now making a lovely ring of six, upon which Messrs. Taylor and Co., the founders, are to be heartily congratulated. The whole of the work has been carried out with the well-known thoroughness of the firm, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Everyone was loud in their praise of the beautiful tone of the bells. The 'go,' too, is everything a ringer could desire.

On Tuesday, December 31st, the first peal was rung on the bells.

**RE-OPENING OF WHITSTONE CHURCH BELLS.****A MIDNIGHT CEREMONY.**

The five bells of Whitstone Church, Devon, have been quarter-turned and rehung (two being recast) and a sixth bell added by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Fry (of Bristol and Bude), to the glory of God, and in loving memory of their son, Dennis Grierson Fry, who entered into rest on St. George's Day, 1929. The new treble bell was anointed and blessed at the Sung Mass on Sunday, November 24th, and was rung for the first time at the elevation of the Host and at the Angelus by Mrs. Fry. The rehanging bells were officially reopened with prayers and a muffled peal at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, followed by a festival peal at 11.45 p.m. before the Midnight Mass. At this service Mr. and Mrs. Fry were present, and there was a very large congregation. An address was given by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Kingdon) from the text, Exodus xxviii. 35, 'Bells of gold.' Ninety people made their Christmas Communion.

There were merry peals after the service. The work of the rehanging, etc., has been splendidly executed by the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. At the close of the service all those present were given a memorial card of the re-opening, and an original poem on the Christmas Bells of St. Anne's, Whitstone.

As there was little opportunity for ringing at the re-opening, the Rector and ringers extended a hearty welcome to the ringers of the neighbouring towers to meet at Whitstone Church on Monday last (Old Christmas Day) for a ringers' gathering. Tea was served in the Church Hall for ringers and friends.

CLAUDE D. KINGDON,

An old 'College Youth.'

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****BEDFORD DISTRICT AT THURLEIGH.**

The Bedford District held a meeting at St. Peter's Church, Thurleigh, on Saturday, and about 24 members attended, which was considered quite good for the time of year. The bells at this church are rung in full sight of the congregation, the tower being central. The ringing during the afternoon and evening was of the usual meeting character—some good touches, some indifferent. Nevertheless good spade work was done, some of the members ringing their first touch inside.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, the members being the guests of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Hemsley), who, although unable to be present through indifferent health, sent his best wishes.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his generosity.

A short business meeting was held, Mr. R. Shimmans being in the chair. Mr. R. Lovell, of Thurleigh, was elected a member of the association, and Mr. W. Whitmore, of Raunds, an hon. resident member. Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, was re-elected a member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cardington (8) on February 1st, if the bells are available, Wootton (6) being chosen as an alternative tower.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers and their wives for making arrangements and preparing the tea, was heartily accorded.

Ringings in methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise was carried on till 8 p.m.

Members were present from Bedford, Bromham, Cardington, Keysoe, Riseley, Clapham, Stagsden, Kempston and the local tower. Other welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. Chapman and Messrs. W. and E. Whitmore, Raunds.

**RINGER'S DEATH AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT.**

It is with very deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas William Emsden, of Chislehurst, which occurred on December 20th, the result of a motoring accident, announced in 'The Ringing World' of December 13th. The deceased never fully regained consciousness.

Mr. Emsden was returning from Bromley to Chislehurst on a motor-cycle when he was run into by another machine. No one saw the accident, but both riders were found unconscious in the road, and were removed to hospital. Mr. Emsden's injuries consisted of a fractured skull, a broken leg and a badly lacerated hand.

A native of Barking, near Needham Market, and a carpenter by trade, he had only done a little six-bell ringing before coming to Chislehurst, but he joined the Chislehurst band, and soon made good headway in ringing Grandsire Triples (two peals), Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major, a few touches on ten bells, and rounds on several of the city twelves, his last being at St. Paul's Cathedral.

A man of more lovable and kindly disposition never walked, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A half-muffled peal was rung on Saturday under the auspices of the two societies, in which he took such an interest—the Kent County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.—R.I.P.

**SEVEN-BELL METHODS.****To the Editor.**

Sir,—While thanking those gentlemen who wrote letters on the subject of 'Silvester,' I would point out that I made no claim to originality, and only sent you the figures and the peal, as I wanted to refer to them in a short article on 'Q sets,' intended for beginners, which I hope shortly to publish, if you can find room for them.

Mr. Craven may be interested to know that Silchester is a 'legitimate seven-bell method,' and as such it is docketed in the Central Council Library, where it has been in manuscript form for the last twenty years or more.

It pleased the Central Council to draw a distinction between a 'legitimate seven-bell method' and a 'legitimate Triple method,' which doubtless was the reason that made him think that such methods had been condemned.—Yours truly, E. BANKES JAMES.

**THE PEAL AT STONE.****STEDMAN DOUBLES COMPLETES INTERESTING SEQUENCE.**

The first peal of Stedman Doubles in the county of Worcester was rung on Saturday week for the 69th birthday of Mr. Thomas Pratt, a ringer at Stone for many years. This peal completes the circuit of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the Stedman method by T. J. Salter, Clifford Skidmore and Robert Matthews. It also brings to mind the fact that W. Short was the first to achieve this performance. Further, Mr. J. Bass has rung Stedman and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bob and Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. The conductor, Mr. Robert Matthews, has now done the same thing with the addition of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

**ANOTHER PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER MARRIED.**

On Boxing Day, the marriage took place at the Parish Church, Portishead, of Miss Alice Stokes and Mr. Harold E. Gale, the Rector (Preb. H. W. Jukes) and the Rev. H. S. Briggs officiating. The bride had been for ten years a valued member of the Portishead band. She had rung three peals of Grandsire Triples, which she conducted, and one peal of Stedman Triples.

To show their appreciation and esteem, all the members of the local company met in the belfry to send forth their good wishes on the bells. Their present to the bride was a dinner service.

**SOUTHGATE RINGERS WEDDED.**

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Pink 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, D. Orington 4, H. Miller 5, J. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, A. G. Crane 8. Rung in honour of the marriage earlier in the day at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, of Miss Phoebe Ann Upsher to Mr. Norman Tomlinson, both members of the Southgate Society. The Southgate ringers, after the wedding, were the guests of the mother of the bride.

**A PINCHBECK RINGER'S WEDDING.**

In honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Worthington, of Pinchbeck, and Miss A. G. Overton, of Gosberton, which took place on Boxing Day at Gosberton, the Pinchbeck ringers rang a 720 Bob Minor, also 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 120 Double Court. The ringers taking part were W. Hudson, J. Curry, G. Sewell, A. Ground, G. Ladd, Maurice E. Wilson (of Sheffield), F. Dewey (Boston), and H. Nichols (Spalding). The ringers greatly appreciated being allowed to ring.

These bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the 'go' of them is all one could wish for. The weight of the tenor has always been given as 21 cwt. The correct weight, however, is 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 16th, 30th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Framlington on Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 4 o'clock. Unveiling of peal tablet by Rev. P. McCormick at 4.30. Meeting in Church House at 7.—J. Sparrow, Sec., 5 Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting will be held at Graveley. The bells (6) recently rehung will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5. All ringers heartily welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.: St. Mary's (5), St. Peter's (8). Will visitors kindly notify the secretary if they require tea?—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip (6) on Saturday, January 11th. Usual arrangements. Preacher, Rev. J. Goodchild, Rector of Brington. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk and Eye Branches of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 2.30 p.m. with Diss (8) as centre. The rings of bells at Palgrave (8), Thrandeston (6), Winfarthing (6) and Shelfanger (5) will also be available. Please meet at Diss where arrangements will be made for visiting these towers.—Nolan Golden 13, Sunnyside, Diss, and Alphæus J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Eye, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Moulton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The usual arrangements. Trams pass church. Everyone welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon Dwelly. Tea by invitation of Archdeacon Howson at the Institute, 6 p.m. Wigan Branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Rd., Wavertree.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, January 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All Saints' tower will be open after tea. Subscriptions for 1930 should be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough (8) on Saturday, January 11th (unveiling of peal board). Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service every quarter of an hour between Lincoln and Washingborough. Good attendance requested. Notification for tea to:—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Old Grammar School, with business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Kindly notify J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. The officials hope to have a record attendance. Tea can only be provided for those who apply in good time by postcard addressed to C. D. Potter, Prospect House, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The Cathedral bells and St. Maurice's will be available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at St. Maurice's Church 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow at Dumper's Restaurant.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' Ninth Annual Dinner** will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18th. Inquiries at St. Thomas' Parish Room from 2 p.m. onwards as to bells available. Tea and bun at 4.30 p.m. Charabanc tour free to visitors around Bristol at 2.30 to 3 p.m. from St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street. Please give notice. Tickets 5/6. Only a few now left and can only be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 14th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**CLAYBROOKE, Leics.**—Ring of 4, augmented to peal of 8 and hung with modern fittings in new cast iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Jan. 18th.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches will be held at Preston on Saturday, January 18th, when the bells at Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's and Penwortham Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. If desired Mr. Wm. Taylor will continue his lecture on coursing order at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—On behalf of the various branch secs., F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., Preston Branch.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half railway fare (max. 1/6).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, January 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be at tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 15th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m., to all who inform me by Jan. 14th. Members 6d., Visitors 1/-. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells of St. Mary's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in 'Anchorage' 5 p.m. for those ringers informing Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred St., Gateshead, by Jan. 16th. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water St., West Hartlepool.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. W. Clover, Wymondham, by Jan. 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions for this year are now due.—W. B. Duncan, Hon. Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 15th inst.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting at Fulbourn, by invitation, on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Rd., Fulbourn, Cambs., by 16th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 by the President, the Rev. M. N. Vischer, the Guild's new form of service to be used. Tea at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Important business.—A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to be present?—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Wulfram's Church House at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is hoped that a good attendance will be made; all ringers welcome. Will those who intend to be present for tea, please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 15th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first meeting of the year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) have been recently rehung; available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those who require tea must notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, before Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome, good train and bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The first annual meeting of the above district, for the election of officers, and other important business, will be held at Bakewell, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. at the Wheatsheaf. A large attendance is earnestly desired. Visitors from other districts especially welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Liscard, on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Frodsham on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 4.30.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall Village.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Southampton district of the above Guild will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. All ringers welcome, but please notify me for tea by Jan. 14th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 5 o'clock; meeting 7 p.m. Important business to be transacted.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Guilborough on Jan. 18th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, Branch Sec., East Haddon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, January 18th, at 3 o'clock. St. Andrew's bells will also be available.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the belfry at 6.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Harbord, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions now due. Reports and diagrams to hand. A good attendance is requested. Bells are in good order.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45. Tea, 1/6 each, only arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Moss, 14, Welbeck Road, Bolsover, not later than 23rd. Will all local Secs. send me nominations for general and local officers for ensuing year, also any corrections for report, by this date? —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Those requiring tea, notify Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Wed., January 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, only for those who notify me by Monday, January 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools. Please notify by Tuesday, January 21st, those who require tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than January 22nd.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Saturday, January 25th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, February 1st. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

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**STANMORE (MIDDLESEX) RINGERS' DINNER.**

This annual event took place on Saturday last at the Abercorn Arms, Stanmore. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) took the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Hughes (Ringing Master), Mr. E. Heading (vice-president), Mr. F. Hill (hon. secretary) and the local ringers, besides several guests, who included Mr. F. Edwards (Bushey) and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and other ringers from Ruislip, Pinner and Harrow Weald. After an excellent dinner, the loyal toast was honoured.

The Hon. Secretary then spoke of the excellent progress made during the year, when the bells were rung at least twice every Sunday without exception. Mr. G. Hughes set a good example by making 109 attendances, being closely followed by his son with 106. Five quarter-peals were rung, and Mr. Hill congratulated the band that had rung the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells that afternoon.

The Rector then presented a barometer to Mr. R. Wilkinson, as a gift from the Stanmore ringers on the occasion of his marriage. A silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, was presented to Mr. F. Edwards as a token of appreciation of his services as instructor.

Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks, took occasion to thank the visitors who had stood in the peal that afternoon to enable him to call the first in the method on the Stanmore bells.

Mr. G. A. Hughes proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens.' Their Rector, he said, was the best they could have, and was one who took a great interest in the ringers. He (Mr. Hughes) was especially pleased that the bells were rung for all Sunday services without fail, and hoped such a state of affairs would continue. He also spoke a few words of appreciation of the support given by the Middlesex Association, and said they looked forward to the summer meeting of the association at Stanmore.

The Rector, in his reply, took occasion to thank the ringers for their excellent services, for which both he and the churchwardens were grateful.

Mr. Hill toasted 'Our guests,' who included Mr. Bozier, for over 30 years a ringer at Stanmore, but now retired.—Mr. C. T. Coles replied, thanking the Stanmore ringers, on behalf of the visitors, for an excellent dinner. The secret of success at Stanmore was the good fellowship prevailing, and the Rector was fortunate in his ringers. Mr. Coles also thanked Mr. Edwards for the work he put in at Stanmore, which they of the Middlesex Association much appreciated.

A musical programme helped to fill up the evening, which passed all too quickly.

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